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IN THE NEWS

California

[Yurok Tribe Expands Justice Programs](#)

By Geoffrey Riley & Emily Cureton

JPR Jefferson Public Radio

July 17, 2015

Judge Abby Abinanti explains the expansion of the Yurok justice system.

[CDSS Public Hearings for Proposed Regulations](#)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has scheduled a [public hearing for September 16, 2015](#), to receive testimony on three regulation packages. For more information, see links below:

[ITEM #1: Community Care Licensing Administrator Certification Program, ORD No. 1214-10](#)

[ITEM #2: Indian Child Welfare Act Integration throughout Division 31, ORD No. 0614-05](#)

[ITEM #3: Drug Felon Eligibility in CalWORKs, ORD No. 0515-07](#)

National

[Judge's Page: Tribal Issues in Dependency Courts](#)

Summer 2015

This issue of *The Judges' Page Newsletter*, published by the National CASA Association and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges focuses on Tribal Issues in Dependency. In this issue, you will find an article by Justice William Thorne, who was instrumental in the launching of the forum and present at our first meeting and an article by Judge Wahwassuck, who led the way for innovative joint jurisdictional courts, like the one in California, launched by forum members, Judge Christine Williams and Judge Suzanne Kingsbury.

Also, featured are several articles by tribal and state court judicial leaders in California: Judges Abby Abinanti, Judge Leonard Edwards, Judge Suzanne Kingsbury, Judge Amy Pellman, Judge Juan Ulloa, Judge Claudette White, and Judge Christine Williams.

[Attorney General Publishes Opinion on Tribal Protection](#)

[Orders: Read the Opinion](#)

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit forum's home page

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

[Bureau of Justice Statistics: Tribal Crime Data Collection Activities, 2015](#)

Steven W. Perry

Report on tribal crime data collection activities

Part of the [Tribal Crime Data Collection Activities Series](#)

[Summary](#)

[Technical Report](#)

[Executive Branch Describes Native Youth Priorities](#) (July 2015)

Learn more about the White House's Generations Initiative (also known as Gen-I), an initiative that takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives of, and opportunities for Native youth.

[A.D. v. Washburn Class Action Suit](#)

Arizona-based Goldwater Institute files class action suit challenging the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

CALIFORNIA STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Court Extranet and CJER Online

This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. For more information, please contact Carolynn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov.

California Dependency Online Guide (CalDOG)

This website contains dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources relevant to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. For more information, view the [CalDOG postcard](#). Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here.](#)

As national reunification month comes to a close this newsletter is a reminder of resources focused on reunification. Case summaries and a report about fatherhood initiatives are also highlighted.

[Basic Court Clerk Training and Certification](#)

August 19-21, 2015 Bloomington, Minnesota

This Basic Clerk Training is a certification that will provide court clerks with the basic skills to use in their role within the tribal court.

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: WEBINARS & OTHER TRAININGS

[Feeding the Fire for Tribal Safety, Justice & Sovereignty for Native Women](#)

September 1–3, 2015

Chandler, AZ

For more details or to Register [here](#)

[National Indian Justice Center: Indian Child Welfare Act, Adoption and Safe Families Act & Title IV-E](#)

September 2-4, 2015

New Orleans, Louisiana

[For logistics and registration](#)

[4th Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training](#)

September 8-10, 2015

Albuquerque, NM

<https://www.regonline.com/wellnesscourt2015>

[48th Annual Native American Day](#)

September 25, 2015

State Capitol Bldg, Sacramento

[30th Annual California Indian Conference](#)

October 15-17, 2015

University of California, Berkeley

[Beyond the Bench 23: User Experience](#)

December 2-4, 2015

Anaheim, CA

A multidisciplinary statewide conference devoted to children, youth, and families in the California court system—will be held the first week in December at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim. It will bring together over 1,200 participants—including judges, local, state, and tribal court leaders, attorneys, social workers, court users, researchers, policy makers, and other juvenile justice and family-related professionals from across California. Sessions will address core legal issues and related social issues pertaining to juvenile and family law, domestic violence, collaborative courts, tribal court-state court jurisdiction, veterans and military families, incarceration and reentry, mental health, education, human trafficking, trauma-informed practice, community engagement, and racial justice. Emphasizing hope, humanity, and healthy families, the conference will focus on meaningful user-focused physical, remote, and equal access to the justice system for those involved—voluntarily or involuntarily—with the court system.

PUBLICATIONS

[Judicial Conduct Reporter](#)

Spring 2015

A quarterly newsletter published by the National Center for State Courts Center for Judicial Ethics (NCSC) that reports on recent opinions and other issues involving judicial ethics and discipline. **The publication is now provided free of charge by the NCSC.** The *Judicial Conduct Reporter* includes discussions of opinions by various judicial disciplinary agencies, including California's Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP), as well as decisions by state and federal courts on ethics issues. This publication is provided to you as part of the Judicial Council's ethics education program. An electronic version of current and past issues of the *Judicial Conduct Reporter* is available on Serranus at <http://serranus.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/ogc/other.htm>.

[Love One Another and Take Care of Each Other/Children Exposed to Violence Report: A Process Evaluation of the Chippewa Cree Tribe's Rocky Boy's Reservation in Montana](#)

June 2015

Center for Court Innovation Report

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Commission on Native Children and Native American Children's Safety Act Legislation Re-introduced in 114th Congress In the new 114th Congress, two bills of importance to American Indian/Alaskan Native children and families were re-introduced from the 113th Congress.

The first bill, the [Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act](#) (S. 246), authorizes the establishment of a national commission that would study a broad range of issues affecting AI/AN children and families. Senator Heitkamp (D-ND) is the original co-sponsor. The bill has been reported out of committee and is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate. At a hearing in 2014, former Senator Byron Dorgan gave his support to the legislation, noting it is time that attention be brought to the challenges faced by AI/AN children, and that we work together to find solutions. Several members of SCIA also support this legislation. NICWA has endorsed this legislation and is working with Senator Heitkamp to address some concerns within the bill. This bill was approved by the Senate committee and is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate.

The second bill, the [Native American Children's Safety Act](#) (S. 184 and H.R. 1168), establishes new mandates for tribal licensing of foster care and adoptive homes. The original co-sponsor of the Senate legislation is Senator Hoeven (R-ND), and the House bill co-sponsor is Representative Kevin Cramer (R-ND). The Senate and House bills have been reported out of their committees and are now awaiting consideration by the full Senate and House. Both the House and Senate bills have cleared their committees and are now awaiting consideration by the full House and Senate.

[Senator Wyden Solicits Comments on Child Welfare Reform Proposal](#)

Over the past year, several national child advocacy groups have hosted meetings to discuss reform of the federal finance system that supports state and tribal child welfare services. The increased interest in reform is due in part to the documented success of the Title IV-E waiver program (a federal program that has allowed states to use Title IV-E foster care funds for innovative child welfare practices that prevent abuse and keep children safely with their families). Also, increased documentation of the poor outcomes faced by children in state foster care systems has created pressure for reform. These efforts will have significant impacts on future tribal funding for child welfare services.

There are a number of different draft proposals for federal child welfare finance reform currently being discussed, but Senator Wyden is one of the first members of Congress to distribute a proposal in 2015. His proposal seeks to expand reimbursement under the Title IV-E program to allow for funding of in-home and other types of prevention services that can keep children safely in their homes without having to remove them. His proposal would also provide approximately \$470 million to the Title IV-B Promoting Safe and Stable Families program. The expansion of funding and services to help reduce the number of children in foster care is similar to a FY2016 budget proposal from President Obama and is widely viewed as necessary to bring balance into the child welfare system, which has far more funding for services that require a child be removed from the home before receiving reimbursement for services. Tribes are eligible to operate both the Title IV-E and Title IV-B programs and are encouraged to carefully study Senator Wyden's proposal. Senator Wyden is asking for comments on his proposal by June 12.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[California Wellness Foundation](#)

The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. Since its founding in 1992, Cal Wellness has awarded 7,690 grants totaling more than \$912 million.

[Foundation Funding for Native American Issues and Peoples Report Lannan Indigenous Communities Program](#)

The Indigenous Communities Program (ICP) supports the resolve of Native Americans to renew their communities through their own institutions and traditions. Funding priority is given to rural indigenous projects that are consistent with traditional values in the areas of education, Native cultures, the revival and preservation of languages, legal rights, and environmental protection. At this time the foundation only accepts new grant requests from United States federally recognized tribes or Native controlled 501(c)(3) organizations whose work is solely focused in the United States.

[Tribal Justice Support Directorate](#)

Tribal Justice Support provides funding guidance, technical support, and advisory services to tribal courts and the Courts of Indian Offenses. This includes providing funding to tribal courts, training directed to specific needs of tribal court personnel, promoting cooperation and coordination among tribal justice systems and Federal and state judiciary systems, and providing oversight for the continuing operations for the Courts of Indian Offenses. The Division also works with tribes to conduct tribal court reviews which are conducted using a modified model of the Tribal Court Performance Standards (TCPS). The TCPS assists tribal courts in identifying existing problems and formulating strategies for improvement of tribal courts and provides an outcome-oriented conceptual framework of tribal court performance areas, standards, and measures.

[U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Grant Information](#)

The purpose of this resource page is to identify open grants, training and technical assistance that may be of particular interest to defender agencies, courts, state, local and tribal jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and non-profit organizations that are working to enhance legal assistance and related services for historically underserved populations. Please contact the issuing entity for more information about listed grants, training and technical assistance. For a comprehensive listing of all Department of Justice (DOJ) grants, please visit www.justice.gov/business/.

Criminal - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Juvenile - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Civil - Grants | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Violence Against Women - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Victims of Crime - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
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[IHS Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative](#)

Deadline: September 8, 2015

The total amount of funding identified for the current fiscal year (FY) 2015 is approximately \$7,600,000. Individual award amounts are anticipated to be from \$50,000 to \$200,000. IHS expects to allocate funding for the 12 IHS service areas. Applicants will be awarded according to their location within their respective IHS service area and will not compete with applicants from other IHS service areas. UIHP applicants will be selected from a category set aside for UIHP applicants only. UIHP awards will be \$100,000 each. The amount of funding available for competing and continuation awards issued under this announcement are subject to the availability of appropriations and budgetary priorities of the Agency. IHS is under no obligation to make awards that are selected for funding under this announcement.

[IHS Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative](#)

Deadline: September 8, 2015

The total amount of funding identified for the current fiscal year (FY) 2015 is approximately \$12,500,000. IHS expects to allocate funding for the 12 IHS service areas. Applicants will be awarded according to their location within their respective IHS service area and will not compete with applicants from other IHS service areas. UIHP applicants will be selected from a category set aside for UIHP applicants only. UIHP awards will be \$100,000 each. The amount of funding available for competing and continuation awards issued under this announcement are subject to the availability of appropriations and budgetary priorities of the Agency. IHS is under no obligation to make awards that are selected for funding under this announcement.

PPHF 2015: Tobacco Quitlines - A Comprehensive Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country - financed solely by 2015 Prevention and Public Health Funds

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Deadline: September 11, 2015

The primary purpose of this funding is to establish or strengthen and broaden the reach and impact of effective chronic disease prevention programs that improve the health of tribal members and communities. The approach includes a combination of policy and environmental approaches, community clinical linkages, and health system interventions. This 4-year supplemental Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide funding to the Component 2 grantees under DP14-1421PPHF14 to implement new commercial tobacco control activities as follows: Strategy 1 from DP14-1421PPHF14 Component 2; Tribal Serving Organizations Program Logic Model: Work with tribes throughout the Area to assess the capacity of tribal programs and develop plans to implement Component 1 Strategic Activities. Applicants must select one activity for Strategy 1: Provide leadership, technical assistance, training, guidance and consultative support to tribes to develop plans to expand the reach of CDC Tips media campaigns or other federal tobacco education campaigns, Surgeon General Reports, and other tobacco related science/evidence-based publications. Provide leadership, technical assistance, training, guidance and consultative support to tribes to develop and implement plans to inform and educate tribal leaders, decision makers and tribal communities on the burden of commercial tobacco use to their tribal members and tribal economy. Strategy 4 from DP14-1421PPHF14 Component 2; Tribal Serving Organizations Program Logic Model: Convene leadership meetings across tribes to share information and develop partnerships across tribes. Applicants must select one activity for Strategy 4: Provide leadership, technical assistance, training, guidance and consultative support to tribes to implement evidence based, culturally appropriate tribal interventions that increase the number of AI/AN protected from secondhand commercial tobacco smoke as a result of implementation of tobacco-free policies. Provide leadership, technical assistance, training, guidance and consultative support to tribes to implement evidence-based, culturally appropriate tribal interventions that decrease AI/AN exposure to commercial tobacco marketing and availability of commercial tobacco products. Contact: Jacqueline Avery hjn9@cdc.gov

[Dialogues on the Experience of War](#)

Deadline: September 15, 2015

As a part of its current initiative, Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War, the National Endowment for the Humanities offers a new grant opportunity: the Dialogues on the Experience of War program. The program supports the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war, in the belief that these sources can help U.S. military veterans and others to think more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service. The humanities sources can be drawn from history, philosophy, literature, and film—and they may and should be supplemented by testimonials from those who have served. The discussions are intended to promote serious exploration of important questions about the nature of duty, heroism, suffering, loyalty, and patriotism.

HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program

Deadline: September 25, 2015

Community Compass is HUD's integrated technical assistance and capacity building initiative that helps communities navigate complex housing and community development challenges by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, tools, capacity, and systems to implement HUD programs and policies successfully. Community Compass funds technical assistance, capacity building, and data analysis activities for HUD's customers, including grantees, public housing authorities, and tribes. Recognizing that HUD's customers often interact with a variety of HUD programs as they deliver housing or community development services, Community Compass brings together technical assistance investments from across HUD program offices, including, but not limited to, the offices of Community Planning and Development, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Housing, and Public and Indian Housing. The selection process under this NOFA may include providers with a broad range of skills and expertise as well as providers with more targeted skills and expertise. Applicants are encouraged to procure subcontractors and consultants to build a team with expertise in a range of HUD program and policy areas. Selected providers may work collaboratively in teams and will be deployed as HUD deems most necessary across the country to achieve these objectives. HUD does not provide funding to nor does it accept applications from individuals for this or any NOFA competition. Questions on this NOFA may be directed to communitycompass@hud.gov. Contact: Lauren Deigh Lauren.S.Deigh@hud.gov
[Grants Policy](#)

[FY 2016 Species Recovery Grants to Tribes](#)

Deadline: Sep 29, 2015

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) recognizes the unique importance of many protected species to tribes and values ongoing efforts by tribal nations to conserve and protect species under NMFS' jurisdiction.

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NMFS is authorized to provide Federal assistance to tribes to support conservation programs for marine and anadromous species under its jurisdiction. This assistance, provided in the form of grants, can be used to support conservation of endangered, threatened, and candidate or proposed species, as well as post-delisting monitoring of recovered species. Proposals that address the recovery of one of the following critically endangered species are encouraged this year and will be considered a priority for funding: Atlantic salmon, white abalone, Cook Inlet beluga whales, Hawaiian monk seals, Pacific leatherback sea turtles, and southern resident killer whales. Funded activities may include development and implementation of management plans, scientific research, and public education and outreach; proposals should address priority actions identified in an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Plan or address a NMFS-identified regional priority or need. Only federally recognized tribes and organizations of federally recognized tribes, such as the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, that have delegated authority to represent a federally recognized tribe on matters relating to ESA listed, candidate, or proposed species, are eligible to apply. Proposals focusing on listed, candidate, or proposed species of Pacific salmon or steelhead will not be considered for funding under this grant program; such projects may be supported through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. This document describes how to prepare and submit proposals for funding in fiscal year (FY) 2016 and how NMFS will determine which proposals will be funded; this document should be read in its entirety.

Heather Coll, NOAA/NMFS/Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: 301-427-8455

[FY 2015 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land and transfer ownership of their interests to the tribe of jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with eligible tribes to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts on the reservations under their jurisdiction as tribes are considered uniquely qualified to perform the land consolidation activities on their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with eligible tribes to not only to capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, if desired, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction.

[The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within

These focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. For more information, contact Gerri Watkins, Management Analyst michael.murray@fws.gov

[Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records](#)

Deadline: October 8, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks projects that encourage citizen engagement with historical records, especially those available online, and/or projects that train people on how to enhance digital literacy skills for using historical records. The development of new online tools for literacy and engagement is highly encouraged. Projects might create and develop programs to engage people in basic

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archival processes. For example, projects may wish to enlist "citizen archivists" in projects to accelerate digitization and online public access to historical records. This may include, but is not limited to, improving crowdsourcing efforts for identifying, tagging, transcribing, annotating, or otherwise enhancing digitized historical records. Training in digital literacy for such "citizen archivists" should also be included. Projects might also develop digital archives training for the public. For example, projects may seek to increase individual understanding of technology operations and concepts so that people can engage in effective personal digital archiving. The NHPRC is looking for projects that create models and technologies that other institutions can adopt without cost. In general, collaborations between archivists, documentary editors, historians, educators, and/or community-based individuals are more likely to create a competitive proposal. For a comprehensive list of the Commission's limitations on funding, please see What We Do and Do Not Fund. Applications that consist entirely of ineligible activities will not be considered. Award Information A grant normally is for one to three years. The Commission expects to make up to six grants of between \$50,000 and \$150,000. The total amount allocated to this category is up to \$500,000. Grants begin no earlier than July 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligibility Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations or institutions Colleges, universities, and other academic institutions State or local government agencies Federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups Cost Sharing The total costs of a project are shared between the NHPRC and the applicant organization. The Commission provides no more than 50 per cent of total direct project costs in the Literacy and Engagement with Historical Records category. NHPRC grant recipients are not permitted to use grant funds for indirect costs (as indicated in 2 CFR 2600.101). The applicant's financial contribution may include both direct and indirect expenses, in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions, and any income earned directly by the project. Indirect costs must be listed under the applicant's cost sharing contribution. Other Requirements Applicant organizations must be registered in System for Award Management (SAM) prior to submitting an application, maintain SAM registration throughout the application and award process, and include a valid DUNS number in their application. Details on SAM registration and requesting a DUNS number can be found at the System for Award Management website at <https://sam.gov>. Please refer to the User Guides section and the Grants Registrations PDF. A complete application includes the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), Assurances - Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424B), a Project Narrative, Summary, Supplementary Materials, and Budget. Applications lacking these items will not be considered. Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

Deadline: October 8, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide access to these materials in a free and open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, editing, and publishing documentary source materials in print and online. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. All applicants should be aware that the application process is highly competitive. Applicants may apply for funding for one year. Award amounts may range from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Commission expects to make as many as 25 grants in this category, for a total of up to \$2,500,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligibility: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; and federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

[Tribal Wildlife Grants Program](#)

Deadline: October 30, 2015

The Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) Program fall under the wildlife conservation grants (known as the State Wildlife Grants Program) to States and to the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, and Tribes under provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, for the development and

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implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, species of Tribal cultural or traditional importance, including species that are not hunted or fished. TWG originates from the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Pub. L. 107-63), when Congress first specified that the Service use a portion of the funds under the State Wildlife Grants Program to establish a competitive grant program available to federally recognized Tribes. This language allowed the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), to establish a separate competitive Tribal grant program, known as TWG, which would not be subject to the provisions of the formula-based State Wildlife Grants Program, or other requirements of the State Wildlife Grants Program portion.

[Longitudinal Assessment of Post -traumatic Syndromes \(U01\)](#)

Deadline: November 3, 2015

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages cooperative research project grant (U01) applications for a multi-site, longitudinal research platform to 1) characterize post-traumatic trajectories based on dimensions of observable behavior, neurobiological changes, and other measures that may serve as markers of risk (e.g., neural network functional connectivity, cognitive functioning, emotion regulation, biomarkers of immune response) among adult trauma patients initially seen in emergency rooms and other acute trauma settings and 2) develop algorithms to be used in the acute post-trauma time period to predict different trajectories that may be informative for future interventions.

[Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs](#)

Deadline: April 14, 2016

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to provide financial support to selected tribes, tribal organizations, and migrant programs for child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). This legislation specifies that one percent of the available funding from Title II will be reserved to fund tribes, tribal organizations and migrant programs. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent child abuse or neglect within the tribal and migrant populations. The funds must support effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services that will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of migrant and Native American children and their families. Organizations should foster strong linkages with the State Lead Agency for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs funded by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. Some examples of programs that may be funded include, but are not limited to, voluntary home visiting, respite care, parenting education, family resource centers, domestic violence services, and other family support services. Grantees are strongly encouraged to implement evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices that reflect the unique cultural characteristics and needs of their communities. The funds must also be used to support an evaluation of the programs and services funded by the grant. Finally, programs funded should develop stronger linkages with the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) State Lead Agency funded under Title II of CAPTA. It is anticipated that three grants will be funded under this announcement. The funding period will be for 5 years.

[Foster/Adoptive Parent Preparation, Training and Development Project](#)

Deadline: May 27, 2016

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to award one cooperative agreement to an organization to develop a state-of-the-art foster/adoptive parent training program to include intensive preparation and development components that reflect the capacities required of successful foster/adoptive parents. This is intended to be a product that could be utilized by all states, tribes, and territories and consistently applied wherever implemented. Development of this program would include research on the common characteristics of individuals and their foster/adoptive families that have succeeded in terms of well-being and stability. Common characteristics of families that are more likely to foster and/or adopt harder to place children/youth and are successful and remain committed to the relationship will be identified and integrated into the program.

[State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act \(ICWA\) Implementation Partnership Grants](#)

Deadline: June 12, 2016

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support the creation of effective practice model partnerships between state courts and/or Court Improvement Program, state public child welfare agency and a tribe, group of tribes, or tribal consortia, including both the tribal child welfare agency and tribal court for effective implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 (Pub.L. 95-608).

[Exploratory Clinical Trials of Novel Interventions for Mental Disorders \(R61/R33\)](#)

Deadline: October 14, 2016

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support the efficient pilot testing of novel interventions for mental disorders in adults and children through an experimental therapeutics approach. Under this FOA, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support go/no-go decisions about further development or testing of the intervention. Studies of novel interventions include, but are not limited to behavioral, pharmacological, biologics-based, cognitive, device-based, interpersonal, physiological, or combined approaches. Support will be provided for up to two years (R61 phase) for preliminary milestone-driven testing of the interventions engagement of the therapeutic target, possibly followed by up to 3 years of support (R33 phase) for studies to replicate target engagement and relate change in the intervention target to functional or clinical effects. Ultimately, this R61/R33 FOA is intended to speed the translation of emerging basic science findings of mechanisms and processes underlying mental disorders into novel interventions that can be efficiently tested for their promise in restoring function and reducing symptoms for those living with mental disorders.

[Integrated Food Defense](#)

Deadline: Open applications until April 2, 2019

The Integrated Food Defense & Emergency Response Cooperative Agreement Program (IFD&ER CAP) grant awards are designed to generate food defense tools and resources that are easily replicated and can complement, aid in the development of, and/or improve State, local, Tribal and territorial (SLTT) food defense programs through unique, innovative, and reproducible projects. The known overlap between food safety (unintentional contamination) and food defense (intentional contamination) is extensive. And the pools of resources available are vast and sometimes difficult to locate and implement. As the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) recognizes the evolution of the relationship between food safety and food defense, it is critical that these programs be integrated to the maximum extent possible in order to ensure the most efficient use of resources, as well as to optimize responses to incidents and events.

[Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents](#)

Deadline: Open

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

[Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations](#) **Deadline:**

Deadline: Open

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Native,

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American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

Surdna Foundation- Teens’ Artistic and Cultural Advancement

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry) <http://www.surdna.org>

This foundation seeks organizations that have a proven and longstanding commitment to serving teens and that emphasize skill building. This funding is designed to:

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;
- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;
- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens’ success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.